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SUBJ: SECRETARY VISIT TO KABUL: JOINT STATEMENT

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### JOINT STATEMENT

AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN DR. HENRY KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN ON AUGUST 8, 1976. HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD DAOUD RECEIVED DR. KISSINGER AND HAD TALKS WITH HIM.

DURING THESE TALKS, WHICH WERE HELD IN THE WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE CHARACTERIZING AFGHAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THE TWO SIDES HELD A FRIENDLY AND FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, ESPECIALLY THE

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE MIDDLE

EAST, AS WELL AS ON AFGHAN-AMERICAN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION IN DIFFERENT FIELDS.

THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRENGTHENING AND EXPANSION OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES FOR PRESERVING AND CONSOLIDATING REGIONAL AND WORLD PEACE. THE SIDES EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATES SHOULD BE SETTLED BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE AND REALISTIC DISCUSSIONS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSED THE UNITED STATES' STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE RECENT INITIATIVES WHICH HAVE IMPROVED RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES OF THE REGION.

THE TWO SIDES NOTED THE SIMILARITY OF THE VIEWS AND PURPOSES OF AFGHAN AND AMERICAN LEADERS AND PEOPLES REGARDING NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN POINTED OUT THAT ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY -- BASED ON POSTIVE NEUTRALITY, NON-ALIGNMENT AND FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH ALL PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES -- SAFEGUARDS ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF AFGHANISTAN'S POSITION.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 8 1976, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE PAID A COURTESY CALL ON MR. MOHAMMAD NAIM.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HELD TALKS WITH AN AFGHAN DELEGATION ON BILATERAL AFGHAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND COOPERATION. THESE TALKS WERE ATTENDED FROM THE AFGHAN SIDE BY MINISTER OF PLANNING ALI ALMAD KHURRAM, MINISTER OF EDUCATION PROFESSOR ABDUL KAYUM, MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES ABDUL TAWAB ASEFI, MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DR. ABDULLAH OMAR, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ABDUL SAMAD GHASUS; AND FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE, IN ADDITION TO DR. KISSINGER, BY AMBASSADOR THEODORE L. ELIOT, JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR., AID DIRECTOR FOR AFGHANISTAN VINCENT W. BROWN, AND MR. PETER RODMAN OF THE NATIONAL

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IN THESE DISCUSSIONS SECRETARY KISSINGER REAFFIRMED UNITED STATES INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING CLOSELY IN AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND NOTED ON-GOING PROGRAMS IN THE HELMAND VALLEY, RURAL WORKS, EDUCATION AND RURAL HEALTH. THE AFGHAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS PLEASURE AT AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING MADE THROUGH BILATERAL ECONOMIC,

TECHNICAL, AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO EXPAND FURTHER EXISTING COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS.

DR. KISSINGER ATTENDED THE SIGNING CEREMONY OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND AFGHANISTAN FOR THE SALE OF EDIBLE OIL TO AFGHANISTAN UNDER CONCESSIONAL TERMS. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED FOR THE AFGHAN SIDE BY MINISTER OF PLANNING KHURRAM AND FOR THE AMERICAN SIDE BY AMBASSADOR ELIOT.

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